

(c) Government's response and reaction thereto;

(d) whether it is a fact that there were also some questions raised about the financial strength of Globeleq Singapore, which was the entity partnering Lanco Infratech; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) No, Sir. There is no such recommendation by evaluation committee.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. However, the matter is under examination at this stage.

Private participation in power sector

2987. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the targeted extent of private participation in power generation has not been materialized;

(b) if so, what was the targeted power generation in private sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan and actual power generated and what is targeted for the Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(c) what are the reasons for poor response from the private sector in the power generation sector?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The actual generation of Private Sector during the year 2006-07 has been 93.9% of the target. The year-wise target and actual Generation during Tenth Plan is given below:

Year	Target (MU)	Actual (MU)
2002-03	43938	44800
2003-04	55229	48221
2004-05	53285	49569
2005-06	58046	53393
2006-07	61661	57888

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The targets for power generation are fixed on annual basis for the next year. The tentative targets of power generation in Private Sector in the country for the year 2007-08 are given below:

Category	Generation Target (MU)
Thermal	53070
Hydro	5360
TOTAL:	58430

(c) The main reasons for low generation in respect of Private Sector Projects have been on account of shortage of gas and high cost of liquid fuel for the stations running on NAPHTHA & HSD.

Swap agreement by NTPC with Nigeria

2988. SHRIMATI N.P DURGA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC has entered into an agreement with Nigeria to set up a 700 MW gas-fired plant in lieu of 3 million tonnes of LNG per annum;

(b) if so, the details of the 'swap agreement' between NTPC and the Government of Nigeria; and

(c) to what extent the gas that NTPC is going to get from Nigeria help its gas-starving plants and NTPC's expansion plans?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Presently, a draft MOU is under discussion with Government of Nigeria on energy cooperation wherein NTPC has proposed to include setting up Coal/Gas based power project in Nigeria subject to supply of LNG by Government of Nigeria for use in NTPC Plants in India.

(c) The actual usage at NTPC's existing and new stations will depend upon the time-frame of actual supplies of LNG.